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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES 22 DEC SUMMARIZED LATEST STATE
OF PLAY ON THIS SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

2. SOVIETS AND TANGOV "FOR YEARS" HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE
PODGORNÝ VISIT TO DAR WITH NO FIRM DECISION EVER REACHED ON DATES.
IN LAST FEW MONTHS SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SEEKING AGREEMENT ON DATE
IN NEAR FUTURE. MOST RECENTLY SOVIETS HAVE PRESSED FOR PODGORNÝ
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TO COME TO DAR IN COURSE OF VISIT TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN
EARLY JANUARY.

3. TANGOV HAD NO PROBLEM RECEIVING PODGORNÝ IN PAST -- NOR WOULD
IT IN FUTURE -- IF MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE COULD BE AGREED UPON.
HOWEVER, AT AT THE MOMENT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S POSITION IS THAT

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM WITH WHICH HE AND OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS MUST DEAL IS RHODESIA. PODGORNÝ WOULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS EFFORTS TO UNIFY ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS IN PREPARATION FOR SCHEDULED JAN 17 RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

4. FONMIN SOURCES SAID PRESIDENT NYERERE IS URGING PRESIDENTS SAMORA MACHEL AND KAUNDA TO DEFER PODGORNÝ'S VISIT. IF PODGORNÝ FEELS HE HAS TO VISIT AFRICA AT THIS TIME, HE SHOULD GO TO "PLACES LIKE MOGADISCIO AND CONAKRY" WHERE HE IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES NOTED THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH: A) PLANNING FOR FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS MEETING EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF YEAR; B) AMB IVOR RICHARDS VISIT FOR WHICH FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS ARE PREPARING; C) EARLY FEBRUARY INAUGURATION OF NEW TANZANIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AT WHICH TIME HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT/PARTY/PRIVATE VISITORS ARE EXPECTED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.
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